

AN INVITATION

We wish to extend to the stockholders of the Watauga Building & Loan Association a cordial invitation to visit our offices on **MONDAY, JULY 24**

At which time we will deem it an especial privilege to thoroughly explain the many details of your association. All the records of the institution will be available and we solicit your inquiries as to any phase of Building and Loan operation which you may not thoroughly understand.

The object of this open house party is solely to better acquaint you with your association, what it is doing and what it proposes to do in the future for the upbuilding of this section of the State. We want the people to feel that this is their association. We are partners in what has proven itself to be the safest financial institution in the country, and let us be thoroughly acquainted with its functions.

Installment and prepaid stock is now being offered in our new series, and all prospective home builders and investors should avail themselves of this opportunity to help themselves and their neighbors by subscribing for a few shares.

The latch string is hanging on the outside and we want you to visit with us next Monday. May we expect you?

Watauga Building & Loan Ass'n.

W. H. GRAGG, Secretary

WATAUGA BANK BUILDING

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

Live News From Raleigh And The State At Large

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Raleigh, N. C.—Fifty-four subdivisions of the State, designated as tax collection districts, and 62 men who will be engaged in collecting the State's taxes of all kinds, but primarily sales taxes, have been announced by M. C. S. Noble Jr., executive assistant Commissioner of Revenue.

The list of men includes 18 former State tax collectors, who will be designated as old seniors and receive \$1,500 a year; 36 new seniors who will receive \$1,300 and eight juniors who will receive \$1,080 a year. The men are all subject to shifting from one district to another and will collect all taxes in their respective districts, but principally the three per cent general sales tax. The cost of collection will be prorated among the several kinds of taxes collected, Mr. Noble said.

All of these men, along with the members of the State Highway Patrol and the six gasoline and oil inspectors, are going to school this week at Chapel Hill, where instruction will be given them by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, Division Director Harry McMullen, Mr. Noble and others in the department. They are expected to be in the districts to

which they will be assigned and at work by the latter part of this week. The fifty-four districts were divided on the basis of population, work to be done, and size. Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany comprise the fifty-eighth district. Fifty-seven of the 62 collectors are announced as follows:

Seniors, old men: R. F. Tuttle, of Edenton; Edwin James, Robersonville; L. V. Stephenson, Raleigh; R. J. Lamb, Whiteville; M. S. Mays, Oxford; C. B. Bogart, Greensboro; J. R. Rousseau, North Wilkesboro; W. C. Hammond, Asheboro; Joan Morrison, Rockingham; E. J. Roseman, Salisbury; J. C. Reid, Charlotte, and E. J. Claywell, Morganton.

New Seniors: Miles Ferebe, Elizabeth City; Quenton Gregory, Halifax; H. B. Ritter, Rocky Mount; J. W. Langston Jr., Goldsboro; Travis Callum, Greensboro; W. E. Koonce, Kinston; Tom Hollingsworth, Greenville; Brooks Parham, Henderson; Hugh Hardison, Wadesboro; J. C. Herring, Snow Hill; A. N. Shew, Wilmington; Garland McPherson, High Point; John McCauley Jr., Chapel Hill; L. R. Morris, Atlantic; E. W. Summerall, New Bern; C. E. Wilkins, Goldsboro; A. E. Powell, Fayetteville; Thomas Horner, Burlington; S. T. Honeycutt, Smithfield; S. R. Clary, Fairmont; J. W. Spears, Lillington; J. P. Brassfield, Raleigh; M. B. Kibler, Morganton; E. C. Clement, Mocksville; M. H. Jones, Rutherfordton; C. C. Huett, of Claremont; Bob Street, Charlotte; H. P. Eford, Albemarle; E. K. Carter, Asheville; R. A. Hoyle, Shelby; J. B. Robinson, Taylorsville; Carl Buchanan, Splice; Arthur Enke, Pilot Mountain; T. J. Mauney, Murphy; Mrs. Sam Huskins, Burnesville; A. Hoyle Johnson Jr., Asheville; Dan G. Fisher, of Bryson City; Joe Caviness, Lillington.

Juniors: Clarence Sneed, Durham; Julian Phipps, Rocky Mount; Lynn McIver, Sanford; J. C. Webb, Carrboro; William A. Baker, Raleigh; Tom Alexander Jr., Charlotte; M. L. Shipman, Raleigh; J. C. Braswell Jr., of Rockingham.

Hunting Licenses Reduced

Combination hunting and fishing licenses will cost North Carolinians \$3 this fall and separately \$4.20, or \$2.10 each, as compared with \$4.50 last fall. Director J. W. Harrelson, of Conservation and Development, an-

nounces.

All hunting licenses were reduced by the General Assembly, new fees being resident county, 60 cents; resident State-wide, \$2.10; non-resident, \$10.10. Fishing licenses are the same as last year, resident county (when adopted by the county), \$1.10; resident State-wide, \$2.10; non-resident, season, \$5.10, and non-resident daily license fee is 60 cents. Daily license for county residents, in counties enforcing the license, is 50 cents. Licenses for trapping fur-bearing animals are resident county, \$2.25; resident State-wide \$3.25; non-resident, \$25.25.

Erect Forest Lookout Towers

Eight new fire lookout towers are to be erected in North Carolina as a part of the Federal emergency conservation work, bringing about a million additional acres of forest lands under more intensive fire protection, State Forester J. S. Holmes announces. The towers have been selected and will be constructed by the men from the emergency conservation camps. This will bring the number of towers in the State to 34, since 26 are in action. The new ones will be from 46 to 100 feet high, seven of heavy galvanized iron and one of wooden construction, to demonstrate a different type of tower.

May Stop Federal Aid

The Governor's Office of Relief is disturbed lest the Federal government stop the aid coming to this State, on the ground that little or nothing is being done locally, and is suggesting that the counties levy a tax to meet the Federal funds. State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson is objecting to the proposal of another levy on property, saying that if the General Assembly had wanted to provide money for aid it would have done so. He points to all the efforts made to reduce tax on property and said that if tax is now placed on it again, it will nullify the acts of the legislature for relief. Attorney General Brummitt has been asked for a ruling on whether or not the tax can be levied. Governor Ehringhaus has not expressed himself on the proposal, although he is desirous of getting all the Federal aid possible.

Car Owners Bore Great Tax Burden

The average North Carolinian owning a car paid \$51.51 cents in taxes, license and gasoline, to the State last year, only six states receiving more per car than was paid in this State, these being Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Ver-

mont. The average North Carolinian paid \$14.49 for his license plate, this State ranking 22rd in that respect, and paid \$37.02 cents tax on gasoline, only five states collecting more. North Carolinians owned 375,695 cars and trucks, this State being 19th in the Union in number of car owners, on which license plates cost \$5,444,356 and for which the gasoline tax was \$13,907,377.

North Carolina had 10,380 miles of highways in the State system January 1, 1933, or almost exactly 3 per cent of the 372,651 miles in all systems of all 48 states, but had slightly more than 3.37 per cent of all of the paved miles in the United States, or 3,860 out of the total of 108,430 miles in the nation. This State also had 1,055 miles surfaced and treated, 419 miles surfaced and untreated, 4,721 miles graded and sandclayed and 295 unimproved miles in the State system.

No Absentees in Repeal Election

Absentee ballots will not be permitted, nor will markers or assistants be allowed at the polling places at the election November 7 on repeal of the 18th Amendment, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt holds. Only a person physically unable to enter a booth or mark his ballot can receive assistance for that purpose and then only from some election official, he states. The registrars who acted in the general election in 1932 will act as registrars in that election, but the county boards of election will appoint new poll holders or judges, one favorable, the other unfavorable, to repeal, Mr. Brummitt states.

May Simplify Sales Tax

Simplifying the application of the three per cent general sales tax, to arrange one composite schedule to apply to all merchants, is being considered by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell and Division Director Harry McMullen, for promulgation before August 1st. The executive counsel of the North Carolina Merchants Association met last week with revenue officials and unanimously agreed upon the one composite schedule to apply to all merchants. Other organized merchant groups will be called in probably this week and Commissioner Maxwell hopes to have unanimous agreement on the plan in time to prepare the rules and regulations before August 1. The present rules were adopted for one month only and are subject to change as better plans are worked out.

Governor Ehringhaus saved two

men from the electric chair in which they were due to sit last Friday, one probably permanent, the other likely only temporarily. Clay Fogelman is expected to die for murder in Rockingham County, positively identified by the wife of the murdered filling station operator, W. J. Carter, whom he had ordered to "stick 'em up," but his end was postponed. Eugene Hines, Forsyth County negro, was reprieved for 30 days in order to give Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill opportunity to go to Winston-Salem to investigate reports tending to indicate that Hines shot another negro in self-defense, after a rumpus over a woman both were going to see. It was on the testimony of the woman that Hines shot without provocation that he was condemned to die, but reliability of the woman is now questioned.

Public Works Commission Reports

Food costs less than 10 cents a day, 9.87 cents, per man in convict camps operated by the State Highway Commission for nine months ending March 31, last, while the total cost of operating the camps for that period was slightly more than 52 cents per day per man, a report submitted to the new Highway and Public Works Com-

mission last week showed. Net profit from prison labor, figured at 65 cents a day, was \$83,638.31 for the last fiscal year, it was shown. While 1,251 prisoners escaped in two years since the prison camps were started, 721 of them were returned. The camps in that two years handled 30,700 prisoners, having 3,659 on hand, receiving 26,316 during the time. On June 30, the camps had 4,680, or 1,010 more than two years before, when the camps started. In two years 37 died.

Press Convention Meets

This week the North Carolina Press Association is meeting at Manteo on Roanoke Island, near the site where the first English child was born on the American continent, and at Nags Head, near Kill Devil Hill, where Orville and Wilbur Wright tied the first heavier-than-air plane carrying the weight of a man, nearly 30 years ago. The business of the convention, including talks by Congressman Lindsey Warren and State Senator Capus Waynick, will not interfere with the recreational features, which include visits to the many historic points, ocean rides, fishing, swimming and banqueting.

To Taxpayers!

In order to give the taxpayers an opportunity to prevent their real estate from being advertised and their personal property being levied on and sold for taxes, the 1933 Legislature extended the time of advertising for taxes from the first Monday of May to the first Monday of August, 1933.

August the first will soon be here and we hope that the taxpayers will take advantage of the opportunity extended to them by the Legislature and pay their taxes before we are forced to advertise and levy on property.

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